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SUBJECT: BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY (BNL) INTEGRATED SAFETY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ISMS) APPROVAL

The team that I chartered has completed the combined Phase I and Phase II ISM Verification Review of BNL. The Review identified several noteworthy practices along with Areas for Improvements that were not considered to be significant deficiencies. It is the review team's judgement that BNL has successfully implemented an ISMS and they have recommended that I approve the System.

BNL's Environmental Management System was cited as a noteworthy example for consideration by other Department of Energy facilities. The team noted that BNL has achieved ISO 14001 registration at the RHIC Project and is on schedule for registration of four other facilities by August 2000, and the entire site by the end of Fiscal Year 2001. I am very pleased by this demonstrated commitment to environmental management.

I have reviewed the Areas for Improvement and, in particular, noted that there are five that are associated with the Laboratory's Feedback and Improvement process. (These five are summarized in the enclosure). When taken together, these Areas for Improvement involve essentially every component of the Feedback and Improvement process (ISM Core Function 5) and lead me to conclude that BNL needs to strengthen this process. Please provide me with a plan and schedule to address these areas. } ←

You should direct BNL to document resolutions, concurred in by the Brookhaven Group (BHG), for the BNL opportunities for improvement described in the Verification Report except for those noted in the enclosure, which I consider to be less important than the other issues raised in the Report. You should also resolve the BHG opportunities for improvement in this Verification Report.

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